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INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
1289	1/19/49	Letter to Director from New York	1	Yes	
1290	1/19/49	Letter to Los Angeles from New York	1	No :	released in entirety
1291	1/21/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	3	Yes	
1292	1/21/49	Letter to Director from New York	4	Yes	
1293	1/17/49	Report of SA Dodge	10	Yes	
1294	1/18/49	Report of SA Kennedy	2	Yes	
1295	1/19/49	Report of SA Johnson	4	Yes	
1296	1/19/49	Report of SA Claridge	8	Yes	
1297	1/20/49	Report of SA Kachelhoffer	5	Yes	
1298	1/20/49	Report of SA Thornton	3	Yes	
1299	1/20/49	Report of SA Snow	4	Yes	
1300	1/21/49	Report of SA Howard	4	Yes	

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1301	1/21/49	Report of SA McBride	3	Yes	
1302	1/21/49	Report of SA McBride	3	Yes	
1303	1/21/49	Teletype to Washington Field Office from Memphis	2	Yes	
1304	1/21/49	Report of SA McFoer	3	Yes	
1305	1/21/49	Report of SA Manton	2	Yes	
1306	1/21/49	Report of SA Coller	2	Yes	
1307	1/21/49	Letter to Bureau from Detroit	1	Yes	
1308	1/21/49	Memo to New York from San Francisco	1	No	released in entirety
1309	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York from Philadelphia	1	Yes	
1310	1/21/49	Letter to Bureau from Cincinnati	1	Yes	
1311	1/21/49	Memo to Director from New York	1	Yes	
1312	1/24/49	Letter to Albany from New York	1	Yes	

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1313	1/21/49	Report of SA David	12	Yes	
1314	1/24/49	Memo of SA Spillane	1	No	released in entirety
1315	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, San Francisco from New York	1	Yes	
1316	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1317	1/24/49	Memo of SA Hilsbos	1	No	released in entirety
1318	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1319	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1320	1/24/49	Teletype to Philadelphia, New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1321	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1322	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1323	1/24/49	Teletype to New York, Newark from Bureau	1	Yes	
1324	1/24/49	Teletype to Philadelphia, New York, Newark from Bureau	1	Yes	

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1325	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1326	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1327	1/24/49	Teletype to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore from Bureau	1	Yes	
1328	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1329	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1330	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York from Los Angeles	1	Yes	
1331	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Philadelphia	1	Yes	
1332	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1333	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Baltimore	2	Yes	
1334	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from New Haven	2	Yes	
1335	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1336	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	

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1337	1/24/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1338	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Philadelphia	1	Yes	
1339	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Baltimore	1	Yes	
1340	1/21/49	Teletype to Cleveland from New York	1	Yes	
1341	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Newark from New York	2	Yes	
1342	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore from New York	4	Yes	
1343	1/24/49	Teletype to Albany from New York	1	Yes	
1344	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1345	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1346	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1347	1/24/49	Laboratory Report to New York	2	Yes	
1348	1/24/49	Laboratory Report to Baltimore	1	Yes	

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1349	1/24/49	Laboratory Report to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1350	1/24/49	Teletype to Baltimore from Bureau	1	Yes	
1351	1/24/49	Teletype to Springfield from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1352	1/24/49	Teletype to Boston from Bureau	1	Yes	
1353	1/25/49	Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	No	released in entirety
1354	1/24/49	Letter to New York from Director	1	Yes	
1355	1/25/49	Teletype to New York, Baltimore from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1356	1/24/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	Yes	
1357	1/25/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1358	1/20/49	Report of SA Dodge	8	Yes	
1359	1/25/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1360	1/21/49	Letter to Director from San Francisco	1	Yes	

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1361	1/24/49	Letter to Director from Albany	1	Yes	
1362	1/25/49	Teletype to Director, New York from New Haven	1	Yes	
1363	1/25/49	Letter to Newark from New York	1	No	released in entirety
1364	1/25/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1365	1/26/49	Letter to New York Telephone Company from New York	1	No	released in entirety
1366	1/21/49	Letter to Director from New York	1	Yes	
1367	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Baltimore	2	Yes	
1368	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Chicago	1	Yes	
1369	1/20/49	Letter to Director from New York	1	Yes	
1370	1/25/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1371	1/25/49	Teletype to Director, Chicago from Springfield	1	Yes	
1372	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Albany	1	Yes	

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1373	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1374	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Baltimore	1	Yes	
1375	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1376	1/25/49	Memo of SA Ward	1	No	released in entirety
1377	1/25/49	Memo of SA Ward	3	No	released in entirety
1378	1/25/49	Memo of SA Ward	2	No	released in entirety
1379	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	3	Yes	
1380	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	2	Yes	
1381	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Newark from New York	1	Yes	
1382	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	2	Yes	
1383	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1384	1/25/49	Teletype to Albany from New York	1	No	released in entirety

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1385	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1386	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1387	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore from New York	1	Yes	
1388	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1389	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Baltimore from New York	1	Yes	
1390	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1391	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1392	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1393	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1394	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1395	1/25/49	Teletype to Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1396	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Buffalo, Philadelphia from New York	2	Yes	

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1397	1/22/49	Report of SA Smith	12	Yes	
1398	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Kansas City from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1399	1/24/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Bureau	1	Yes	
1400	1/24/49	Letter to Phoenix from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1401	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Baltimore from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1402	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1403	1/24/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1404	1/24/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1405	1/24/49	Teletype to Bureau from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1406	1/25/49	Letter to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1407	1/25/49	Laboratory Report to Washington Field Office	2	Yes	
1408	1/25/49	Laboratory Report to Philadelphia	1	Yes	

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1409	1/25/49	Little Rock to Philadelphia	1	Yes	
1410	1/25/49	Little Rock to Washington Field Office	1	Yes:	
1411	1/25/49	Little Rock to Detroit	1	Yes	
1412	1/25/49	Little Rock to Boston	1	Yes	
1413	1/25/49	Little Rock to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1414	1/25/49	Little Rock to Baltimore	1	Yes	
1415	1/25/49	Little Rock to Baltimore	1	Yes	
1416	1/25/49	Letter to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1417	1/25/49	Little Rock to New York	1	Yes	
1418	1/26/49	Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	released in entirety
1419	1/26/49	Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	No	released in entirety
1420	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	

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1421	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1422	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1423	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York from Boston	1	Yes	
1424	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Miami	2	Yes	
1425	1/26/49	Letter to Baltimore from New York	1	No	released in entirety
1426	1/25/49	Letter to Director from New Haven	1	Yes	
1427	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1428	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Buffalo	1	Yes	
1429	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1430	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1431	1/26/49	Letter to Los Angeles from New York	1	No	released in entirety
1432	1/26/49	Letter to Little Rock from New York	1	No	released in entirety

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1433	1/26/49	Letter to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1434	1/26/49	Letter to San Francisco from New York	1	No	released in entir
1435	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1436	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1437	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Baltimore from New York	1	Yes	
1438	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Los Angeles from New York	1	Yes	
1439	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1440	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1441	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1442	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Omaha from New York	1	Yes	
1443	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Newark from New York	2	Yes	
1444	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, San Francisco, Los Angeles from New York	1	Yes	

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1445	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1446	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1447	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	2	Yes	
1448	1/26/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	2	Yes	
1449	1/26/49	Teletype to Richmond from New York	1	Yes	
1450	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1451	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1452	1/26/49	Teletype to New York, Newark from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1453	1/26/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1454	1/26/49	Teletype to New York, Albany, Bureau from Washington Field Office	2	Yes	
1455	1/25/49	Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	No	released in entirety
1456	1/26/49	Memo of SA Shannon	2	No	released in entirety

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1457	1/27/49	Teletype to Philadelphia, New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1458	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, Charlotte from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1459	1/25/49	Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles	1	Yes	
1460	1/25/49	Letter to Bureau from Chicago	1	Yes	
1461	1/25/49	Report of SA Sherwood	2	Yes	
1462	1/26/49	Little Rock to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1463	1/24/49	Letter to Bureau from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1463A	1/26/49	Letter to New York from Bureau	1	Yes	
1464	"Identical with serial 65-14920-1463"	- Memo in file.			
1465	1/24/49	Report of SA Dowd	4	Yes	
1466	1/25/49	Report of SA Lovrien	3	Yes	
1467	1/25/49	Teletype to Director, Richmond from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	

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1468	1/25/49	Letter to Bureau from Springfield	1	Yes	
1469	1/25/49	Report of SA Hummer	3	Yes:	
1470	1/25/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	Yes	
1471	1/26/49	Letter to San Diego from Director	1	Yes	
1472	1/24/49	Letter to Director from Indiana	1	Yes	
1473	1/26/49	Memo to New York from Milwaukee	1	Yes	
1474	1/26/49	Letter to Director from Newark	1	Yes	
1475	1/26/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1476	1/26/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1477	1/26/49	Little Rock to Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1478	1/27/49	Teletype to Director, New York from Albany	1	Yes	
1479	1/27/49	Memo of ASAC Belmont	1	No	released in entirety

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1480	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York from Baltimore	2	Yes	
1481	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Philadelphia	1	Yes	
1482	1/27/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1483	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	2	Yes	
1484	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Detroit, from New York	1	Yes	
1485	1/27/49	Teletype to Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1486	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York from Phoenix	2	Yes	
1487	1/25/49	Letter to Bureau from Washington Field Office	2	Yes	
1488	1/25/49	Letter to Bureau from Washington Field Office	3	Yes	
1489	1/26/49	Teletype to Los Angeles from Bureau	1	Yes	
1490	1/26/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	Yes	
1491	1/27/49	Memo of SA Plant	1	No	released in entirety

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1493	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau from New York	1	Yes	
1494	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore from New York	1	Yes	
1495	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1496	1/25/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York from Newark	1	Yes	
1497	1/29/49	Teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office from New York	1	Yes	
1498	1/24/49	Report of SA Conners	14	Yes	
1499	1/27/49	Teletype to New York from Washington Field Office	1	Yes	
1500	1/27/49	Teletype to Bureau, New York, San Francisco from Los Angeles	1	Yes	

January 19, 1949

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SAC, New York

JAY DAVID WHITAKE: CHAMBERS was., ET AL  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to New York teletype dated January 19, 1948.

There are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter one copy each of two photographs of ALGER HISS, taken at the time of HISS' arrest on perjury charge in New York on December 16, 1948, for assistance in investigation requested in referenced teletype.

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AIR MAIL

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa; et al  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: January 21, 1949

Re New York teletype January 20, 1949.

The files of this office fail to reflect any information under the names "Keith," PETE GREEN, PETE, or CRANE, identifiable with the unknown subject KEITH mentioned by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. However, from a review of the file entitled ISAAC FOLKOFF it is noted that one WARWICK MILLER TOMPKINS, concerning whom this office is conducting considerable investigation, has for a number of years been a close associate of FOLKOFF. Confidential Informant SF-600 advised that during 1942, TOMPKINS obtained employment at Amtorg Trading Corporation with the assistance of FOLKOFF. In addition, TOMPKINS has been closely associated with the financial activities of the Communist Party in this area. TOMPKINS is presently engaged in the taking and showing of travel moving pictures. It is noted that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS described KEITH as being a photographer.

TOMPKINS is described as born January 25, 1900 at Troy, New York, height, 5'10", weight, 180 lbs., brown hair, large head, heavy features; he carries his head forward when walking, and is of heavy build and has a ruddy complexion.

There are enclosed two photographs of WARWICK TOMPKINS, one taken in 1945, and one in 1947. It is suggested that these photographs be exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

January 24, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHA'BFRS, with aliases  
ALGER HISS, et al;  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

In the review of the pre-trial depositions it was noted in Volume 4A, page 812, that CHA'BFRS in his testimony stated that during the 1940's while employed with Time, Inc., he mentioned the names of ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS, as well as some of the circumstances of this case, to JOHN BARKHAM, who at that time was the foreign news writer, and to SAMUEL GARDNER WELLS, the religion editor of Time, Inc. He stated WELLS is still employed by Time, Inc., but that he does not know the whereabouts of BARKHAM. He further stated that WELLS was instrumental in having him join the Episcopal Church.

L. W. SPILLANE,  
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

January 24, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
ALGER HISS, et al;  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

There are attached hereto four photostatic copies of Bulet 1-3-49 which is S. 666 of this file. These copies have been made up in the event it is necessary to forward a copy to another office which did not previously receive a copy of this letter. They should be destroyed at the conclusion of this case.

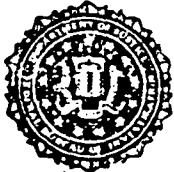
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
January 25, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.  
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At 5:10 pm on January 24, 1949, I advised ASAC Lally of Baltimore that Special Assistant to the AG Donegan intends to subpoena WILLIAM SPIEGEL and his wife, ANNA STIFFMAN SPIEGEL, for appearance before the New York Federal Grand Jury on January 27th. I inquired of Mr. Lally as to whether the SPIEGELS had been interviewed by Baltimore agents inasmuch as if they have not been, the interviews could be held in abeyance until January 25th, at which time, if agreeable with the Bureau, the Baltimore agents could also serve the subpoenas; that Donegan intended calling PEYTON FORD of the Department, instructing him to instruct the attorneys at Baltimore to issue the necessary subpoenas. Mr. Lally stated that Mrs. SPIEGEL has already been interviewed and the agents are presently enroute to the office with WILLIAM SPIEGEL to interview him. I told Mr. Lally that I would check with Donegan immediately to see if he intended calling PEYTON FORD at once.

Subsequently, I called Mr. Lally and advised him that Donegan was unavailable and accordingly, they should proceed with the interview and forget about the subpoena unless I called them back.

On the morning of January 25th, Mr. Donegan advised SA J. M. Kelly that he did not desire the agents to serve subpoenas on the SPIEGELS but would handle it in the routine manner with the U. S. Marshal effecting service; that Donegan desired to be advised of the results of the interviews with the SPIEGELS before taking further action in this matter.

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Supervisor

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HANS EIL INSLERMAN  
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Reference is made to New York letter and teletype of January 20, 1949, in the captioned matter, wherein you were advised that in 1933 HANS and FELIX INSLERMAN indicated in their election registration their political affiliation with the Communist Party and that in 1934 FELIX INSLERMAN made a similar enrollment.

There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of pages 68 and 69 of the Election Board Registers of the 19th Election District, 20th Assembly District, New York County for the years 1933 and 1934. These photostats were prepared in this office from original photostats procured on January 20, 1949, by SA CLINTON E. POLLOCK from the New York Board of Election and are appropriately labeled.

The Newark office may make whatever disposition they desire of these photostats upon completion of their investigation.

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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 26, 1949

Mr. Edward Braun  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Braun:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that information be furnished concerning toll calls charged to telephone Gramercy 3-4463. During the past six months this number is reported to be listed to Alger Hiss, 22 East Eighth Street, New York, N. Y.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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New York 7, New York

January 25, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAY D. W. CHAMBERS, was., et al  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

CHAMBERS furnished the following information relative to  
CLIFTON FADIMAN

"While I was Editor of 'New Masses' in 1932, Mr. Fadiman wrote an article entitled 'Why I Became a Leftist' to be published in 'New Masses'. The title of this story was changed to 'Why I Became a Communist' and was published in one of the editions of 'New Masses' under the name of Clifton Fadiman. I have since been told that I changed this title. Although I cannot definitely recall having done so, I am willing to believe that I probably did. So far as I know, Clifton Fadiman has never been a member of the Communist Party. In so far as my changing the title of his article, it is my present recollection that he did not complain or criticize me for doing this."

It is requested that an effort be made to locate the described article in the New York Public Library files. The 1932 edition of the "New Masses" should be reviewed and if the article is located, arrangements made for a photostatic copy.

JOHN J. WARD, SA

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CHAMBERS has furnished the following information relative to an apartment used by the Russian Espionage apparatus with which he was associated:

"About six months to a year after I became associated with the underground apparatus (presumably this would be early 1933 or thereabouts) I was taken to an apartment on Gay Street in Greenwich Village. I believe that this address was 9 Gay Street. In any event Gay Street is a very short street and the apartment was located somewhere on that street..... This was a brownstone house and the entrance, as I recall it, was below the street level, probably about two or three steps. I have some hazy recollection that a Negro family lived on the street floor of this building. The apartment which I will describe later was either on the second or third floor. I recall quite distinctly the stairs leading to it were very creaky. The door leading into the apartment entered directly into the main room which in itself was fairly small. At the rear of this room was a bathroom which probably at some previous date had been a large closet. There were no windows in this room but it did contain a toilet bowl, washstand and a bath-tub.

"In connection with the main room there was a fireplace on the wall opposite to the entrance to this room. There was another door leading into a small side room, which door was on the same wall as the entrance door but towards the front of the room. I recall that there were two or three windows in the front of the house that overlooked Gay Street.

"As to the furnishings in the room, the main room contained an iron couch that was covered with some cheap material. This couch, by-



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pulling out a section underneath, could be made into a double bed. There were three or four wicker chairs as well as a small table in the room. In the adjoining side room there was a table and a good sized trunk, which was always locked. Down the hall from the entrance to the apartment, which I have just described, was a door leading into a single room that adjoined the apartment above-described but which did not communicate directly with the apartment. This room and the apartment took up all of the space on this particular floor.

"When I first came to this apartment the room in (the) back of the building was unoccupied. However, sometime thereafter a Russian woman, who I never met or talked to, moved into this room and, as I later learned, lived there for a short period of time. I understand that her job was to watch the apartment while the apparatus people were not present. I do not know whether the Russian woman brought furniture with her or whether the room had been furnished prior to her arrival.

"I was told at some subsequent period by John Sherman that he had rented or leased the Gay Street apartment from a Negro named Harris. It was my understanding that Harris was a New York School teacher and sympathetic with the Communist Party but was not a Communist. Nevertheless, I understood that Harris knew that he was renting the apartment to an underground apparatus. No one lived permanently in the Gay Street apartment. It was used as a work shop for the apparatus in ways which I will describe hereinafter."

CHAMBERS thereafter stated that the Gay Street apartment was used exclusively as a photographic work shop and especially in connection with seamen courier activities during the 1933 and 1934 period. He stated that his knowledge of the apartment extended over a period of about one year. At a point near the end of 1933 or early in 1934 it was feared by the apparatus that the apartment was being watched. Some time later CHAMBERS was told by his superior that the apartment had been abandoned.

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An attempt should be made to locate the above-described building and to obtain management records during the pertinent period in order to further identify "HARRIS" and others associated with it.

In connection with the Gay Street apartment, ROBERT GORDON SWITZ, a subject in the Moische Stern case, who is now an informant of this office, described several apartments used by the Stern apparatus as photographic laboratories. One such apartment was located on 16th Street in Manhattan just off 6th Avenue and was rented in the name of REGINALD RAY SARTER. SWITZ described a German sailor known to him as "HENRY". SWITZ taught HENRY photography at that apartment. From the description furnished by SWITZ it appears that HENRY was also known to CHAMBERS in connection with the seamen courier operation. It appears that SWITZ knew HENRY in 1932 and CHAMBERS met him sometime later in 1933.

The information relative to HENRY is set forth merely for information. He is not known to have had any connection with the Gay Street apartment. It would appear that they were both used by the same apparatus, however.

JOHN J. WARD, SA

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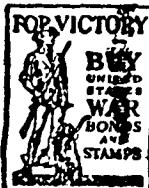
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CHAMBERS has furnished the following information concerning  
one SAM SHOYET and his daughter, AZIA SHOYET:

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"It is my recollection that the 'Daily Worker' had no facilities  
for printing the paper. This work, so far as I know, was let out to an  
independent contractor located, as far as I know, in the same building  
as the 'Daily Worker' office (previously described by Chambers as being  
located in 1927 on East 9th Street just off 2nd Avenue, New York City).....  
I would from time to time circulate about the Linotype Room and got to  
know some of the men fairly well and they liked me..... While so  
engaged I became acquainted with SAM SHOYET, the assistant foreman of  
the company that was doing the linotyping. I knew Shoyet to be a member  
of the Communist Party and I recall that on one or two occasions, while  
in conversation with him, he remarked that he had lived in Paris and  
Tokyo. I recall asking him how he got along in those cities and he  
merely remarked that he followed his trade as a printer.

"Some years later when I was talking to Dr. Philip Rosenbliett,  
he informed me that Sam Shoyet was a Russian agent who, sometime in the  
1930's, was sent as a Soviet agent to Mukden, Manchuria; that Shoyet's  
daughter, Azia, a bacteriologist who studied at Hunter College, had been  
sent at approximately the same time to Vladivostok, probably to join  
her father in some Soviet espionage work. Upon learning this from Dr.  
Rosenbliett, I immediately surmised that Shoyet's work in Paris and Tokyo  
had probably been on behalf of the Soviet Government. My best recollection  
of a description of Shoyet is as follows:



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Age:	40 (1926)
Height:	5'6" or 5'7"
Weight:	140
Hair:	Gray
Build:	Slight
Characteristics:	Wore glasses, spoke English and French (probably Russian), high cheek bones, and slanty eyes.

"Although I do not know definitely it would be my observation that he was born in Russia,

"Relative to Azia Shoyet, it is my recollection that she was active in the YCL and that she was probably born in the United States."

CHAMPERS also advised that HARRY TAMER, he thought, was related by marriage to the SHOYETS. HARRY TAMER'S brother, JOSHUA, is known to have maintained a cover apartment for Soviet Espionage activities in connection with the Moische Stern apparatus on 55th Street in Brooklyn.

It is requested that the Hunter College files be reviewed for information relative to AZIA SHOYET from 1923 until 1935.

The indices have been checked with negative results relative to the SHOYETS.

JOHN J. WARD, SA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHITMAN  
New York, New York  
January 25, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: **ALBANY (URGENT)**

**JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R.**

**DESIRES THAT EXACT PRESENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF FELIX A. INSLERMAN**

**ELECTRIC BE DETERMINED FROM A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THAT COMPANY.**

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Special Agent in Charge

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.  
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On the morning of January 26, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan called to advise that AUSA Lauritano is anxious to get rid of RUMRICH who is wanted out on the west coast and who is being held at the House of Detention, pending the clarification of his story which he gave to Donegan and agents of this office last week. Mr. Donegan wanted to know if we were in a position to again interview RUMRICH and give clearance for him to go out to the west coast to face charges there. I advised him we would get in touch with either him or Mr. Lauritano concerning this. *In Kelly*

Mr. Donegan then advised that in CHAMBERS' testimony, he has stated that servants were going in and out of the HISS home in Washington at the time CHAMBERS was associated with HISS there. Donegan says that CHAMBERS knew these servants and he wanted to know whether we had been successful in locating and interviewing them. I advised him that the Washington Field has been working on this for some time and as soon as we get results we will let him know. He then mentioned the cottage on the Delaware River near Frenchtown where CHAMBERS says PRISCILLA HISS visited about a week in 1935 or 1936, and where MAX LIEBER became enamored of her. He wanted to know whether we had checked this and whether we had interviewed LIEBER. I advised him that I knew that a lead had either gone out on the Delaware River and that we were contemplating interviewing LIEBER; that we would let him know as soon as these items had been covered.

In view of the interest of Mr. Donegan in the above matters, it is suggested that the offices concerned be instructed to expedite their inquiries.

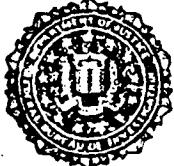
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*H. J. Webster*

With reference to Mr. Leo Laughlin's previous call ~~on~~ the afternoon of January 25th, requesting that the Bureau be advised today (1/25/49) as to who had been interviewed in this case, pursuant to certain Bureau communications, and as to who had not been interviewed with the reason therefor, together with the identity of those we contemplate interviewing, I informed Mr. Laughlin at 5:10 pm on 1/25/49 that we had accumulated the information necessary to answer the Bureau's inquiry, and the agent was just about to start dictating a teletype which was rather lengthy. He said that possibly the teletype could be dictated to the Bureau by the agent but I advised that with this procedure, we would not have an opportunity to know exactly what is being dictated, and further, we would like to know beforehand what information was being set forth in order to afford the matter appropriate supervision. He agreed that this might not be the best procedure and stated he would find out just how soon the Bureau needs this information. He called me back at 5:20 pm and advised that it would be satisfactory to incorporate the information in a teletype and to transmit it tonight (1/25/49).

A. J. TUOHY  
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Enclosed Baltimore will find memorandum of SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY,  
JR., mentioned in New York teletype January 26 instant.

Baltimore is requested to return the memorandum to New York at the  
conclusion of interview with JAN VALTIN at Betterton, Maryland.

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SAC, Los Angeles

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL  
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There are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter, air mail  
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CHAMBERS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
ALGER HISS, et al;  
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Re Philadelphia tel 1-21-49 reflecting that JOSEPH BOUCOT of Philadelphia had rented a cottage at Smithtown, Pennsylvania, to CHAMBERS, who had used the name of DAVID BREKEMAN and to MAXIM LEIBER. This cottage was rented during July and August in probably 1935.

There are enclosed herewith two photographs of CHAMBERS, a photograph of PRISCILLA HISS, and two photographs of ALGER HISS, which should be exhibited to Mrs. NORMA B. BROWN, 619 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and as reflected in reference teletype she should be interviewed to verify and establish the relationship between CHAMBERS and HISS and to ascertain all information in her possession relative to Mr. and Mrs. HISS, particularly as to the name they used while living in the above cottage, in that HISS possibly used the alias of ROGERS. New York origin. Expedite investigation.

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SAC, San Francisco

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SAC, New York

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On the afternoon of 1/25/49, Mr. Leo Loughlin of the Bureau called and referred to Bureau letter dated January 19, 1949 in this case. In this letter, the Bureau refers to three other communications which were forwarded to the New York office and, in connection with the various people mentioned therein, Mr. Loughlin requested that the Bureau be furnished with the following information:

1. Whom has the New York office and the other field offices interviewed?
2. Who has not been interviewed and why not?
3. Whom else does the New York office and the other field offices contemplate interviewing?

Mr. Loughlin requested that this information be furnished to the Bureau ~~as soon as possible this afternoon~~.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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Re: ~~JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL~~  
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## INTERNAL SECURITY - R

RE: HORACE ALTON <sup>INTERNAL SECURITY</sup> INGRAM

At the request of Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS DONEGAN,  
the writer together with Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane interviewed  
HORACE ALTON INGRAM at this Office today.

Mr. INGRAM had previously appeared before the Grand Jury and he was questioned immediately following his presence in the Grand Jury Room.

At the outset of this interview it was pointed out to Mr. INGRAM that the interviewing Agents were well aware of the story that he had previously told to Agents of the F.B.I. in Atlanta, Georgia and he was also told that the Agents were aware that he had just testified before the Grand Jury. He was asked if there was anything that he wished to add to the testimony that he had previously given or if there was anything that he wished to clarify. He stated that there was nothing further that he wished to add and he reiterated the fact that the information he had previously given was the truth. He was then shown the full length picture of ALGER HISS that was taken at the F.B.I. Office immediately following the arraignment of ALGER HISS on December 16, 1948 and he was asked if this was the same individual whom he had met in Washington in 1937 and who had approached him to do errands for him. After looking at the picture for a few minutes, he stated that this definitely was not the same individual. He was then shown the full face and side face picture of ALGER HISS that was taken on December 16, 1948 immediately following the arraignment of ALGER HISS and INGRAM again stated that this individual did not appear to be the same as the individual he had previously mentioned.

INGRAM further stated that the individual whom he thinks may be ALVIN HISS spoke with a foreign accent. He was questioned as to whether he meant foreign in that it was the accent of an individual from a country

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other than the United States and he advised that that was the fact. He was then asked if he believed the tall individual who approached him in 1937 in Washington, D. C. was of Jewish extraction. To this he replied that the tall individual who approached him in 1937 in Washington, D. C. was in all probability Jewish or Italian because this individual was dark skinned and had very black hair.

It should be noted that such description does not fit that of ALGER HISS.

INGRAM insisted that the picture that he had observed in the newspapers showing ALGER and DONALD HISS entering the Court House at the time the publicity first appeared in the newspapers appeared to him to be the same individual as the one who approached him in Washington.

INGRAM again was questioned as to his reputation for being a drinker and he readily admitted that he had the reputation for being a bit of a drinker. He was asked if at any time he had ever been in any institution or hospital. He stated that on one occasion in the late 1930's his father had had him committed to a farm in Georgia for drunkenness. He stated that his father did this in order to try to cure him of his habit of habitual drunkenness. He advised that the only other time he was in a hospital was in 1945 when he was in a veteran's hospital because of a heart condition and a bad stomach.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. INGRAM was escorted by the Agents to the 14th floor where he was turned over to the guard who stated that he would inform Mr. DONEGAN that we had completed the interview with INGRAM.

(Deputy  
U.S. Marshal)

Shannon ( DONALD E. SHANNON, SA )



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A perusal of the statement taken from WHITTAKER CHAMBERS reflects numerous names of individuals highly placed and active in the Communist Party during the time that CHAMBERS was associated with the Party. While these names are not of particular importance in the current espionage investigation unless their activities were of an espionage nature, they are important from the standpoint of Communist investigations and particularly in connection with the DETCOM program. We are following up immediately on those individuals mentioned by CHAMBERS who may be part of the espionage activities of the Party. However, we should not forget to likewise follow up in the Communist Section on the present activities of the other individuals mentioned by CHAMBERS as highly active in the Communist Party. [In connection with this, at such time as the statement has been completed, the agents interviewing CHAMBERS should go over the statement and ascertain from CHAMBERS the latest information in his possession as to the addresses and current activities of these individuals in the Party. This will save us considerable work in following up on their present locations.]

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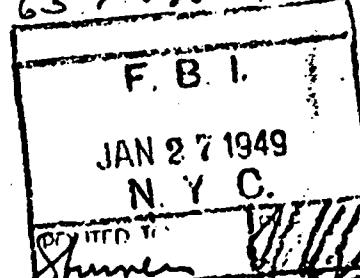
RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.  
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum of ASAC Belmont dated today.

This is to advise that Mr. CHAMBERS was questioned and stated that he has only seen the documents developed from the "pumpkin film" once and that was at the Commodore Hotel in NYC. It was shown to him by the HCUA (STRIPLING, NIXON, McDOWELL, APPEL, MANDEL and probably WHEELER). He stated that he only saw the documents a short time and that they were rather indistinct. He believes that at that time someone questioned him relative to the "Navy angle". Mr. CHAMBERS stated that, to best of his knowledge, the Navy documents came to him from the Bureau of Standards through WARD PIGMAN. He continued "The more I think of it the more I feel that probably all these documents that I saw (at the Commodore) came from the Bureau of Standards through WARD PIGMAN—it is possible that some may have come from WADLEIGH and RENO". The committee records, Mr. CHAMBERS stated, would indicate what he had stated at the time concerning these documents. However, he stated definitely that he never had any contact in the Navy Department nor did he ever hear that the apparatus had any such contact.

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At 5:50 pm on January 26, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau referred to the pumpkin film documents developed from film turned up by CHAMBERS in the pumpkin on his Maryland farm. Mr. Fletcher advised that some of these documents pertain to Navy activities. The Navy asserts that these particular documents pertaining to Navy material came from the Bureau of Standards and not from the Navy itself. Mr. Fletcher requested that we ask CHAMBERS if these documents came from the Bureau of Standards through PIGMAN who was CHAMBERS' contact at the Bureau of Standards, or whether CHAMBERS obtained them through some contact in the Navy Department. The Navy is concerned to be sure that there is no leak in the Navy Department through which CHAMBERS was able to obtain these documents.

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